

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 58 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 59 through 78 are presented for examination in this Preliminary Amendment in a Request for Continued Examination. These new claims are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record, as the cited art fails to disclose the limitations of the claimed invention or to suggest a combination with other art so as to render the claims obvious. Allowance of all pending claims is requested.

CONCLUSION

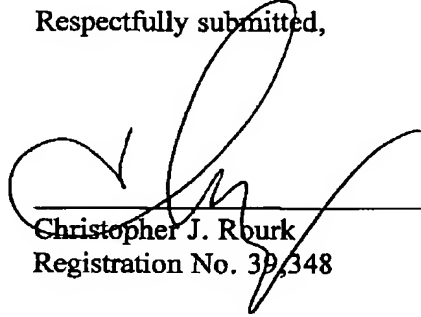
In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested by the undersigned at (214) 939-8657 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

If any applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Godwin Gruber, LLP, No. 50-0530.

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